OFFICE OF THE MAYOR



Proclamation

IN RECOGNITION of "HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN ALEXIOS OF ATLANTA"

WHEREAS, Augusta is honored by the visit of His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios of Atlanta, who will reopen the doors of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church and bless the people of Augusta on the 18th day of March, 2006; and

WHEREAS, His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios is a graduate of Athonias Ecclesiastical Academy, the University of Athens School of Theology, and received a Doctor of Ministry degree from Boston University in 1977; and

WHEREAS, His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on August 27, 1972 and has served in many churches and other holy places, including appointment as Dean of the Saint Constantine and Helen Cathedral in Brooklyn, NY and serving the Hellenic Orthodox Community in Astoria, NY; and

WHEREAS, On April 7, 1987, His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios was elevated to the Episcopacy and named Bishop of Troas, being consecrated by his Eminence Archbishop lacovos on May 7, 1987, at which time he assumed the name Alexios, in honor of St. Alexios, the Man of God; and

WHEREAS, His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios was named Archiepiscopal Vicar for the Diocese of Atlanta on January 1, 1997, and was elected Bishop of the Diocese of Atlanta on March 13, 1999; and

WHEREAS, The City of Augusta commends His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios for his loving care not only for Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, but for all of the people of Augusta and is honored by the visit; and

WHEREAS, His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios was elevated to the rank of Metropolitan of the Metropolis of Atlanta on the 31st day of May, 2003; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Deke Copenhaver, Mayor of the City of Augusta, do hereby proclaim Saturday, March 18th, 2006, as "HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN ALEXIOS OF ATLANTA DAY" in Augusta, Georgia.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Augusta, Georgia, to be affixed this 18th day of March, 2006.

Given under my hand This 18^{th} day of March 2006

Deke Copenhaver Mayor